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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 162 and 163 have been added to properly claim the novel insufflation passageway of the trocar of the present invention either alone or in combination with a guard moveable with respect to the cutting tip. Corrected Figures 4, 5, 20 and 22 are also submitted herewith that were approved for entry in the parent application. Accordingly, an early and favorable office action is believed to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

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